(c) and (d) Total consumption of Diesel during 2007-08 was 47.669 millon tonnes, of which over 78% of Diesel was sold through retail outlets. Broadly, sector-wise consumption of Diesel sold through retail outlets is as under:

Agriculture	13.80%
Power Generation (Gensets)	9.70%
Passenger vehicles	18.90%
Commercial vehicles	50.40%
Industry	7.20%

There is no allocation of Diesel for any particular sector.

The total consumption of natural gas in the country is about 102.68 MMSCMD of which the breakup among sectors is around:

		Million standard cubic meter per day (mmscmd)
Automobile	:	3.56
Domestic	:	0.47
Industrial	:	98.65

It has been decided that out of the first 40 mmscmd natural gas to be produced from RIL's KG-D6 field, supply would be made to the following sectors:-

(i) Existing gas based urea plants, so as to enable them full capacity utilization;

(ii) Existing gas based LPG plants (3 mmscmd);

(iii) Power Plants lying idle/under-utilized and likely to be commissioned during 2008-09 and existing liquid fuel plants (upto 18 mmscmd);

(iv) City Gas Distribution Projects (upto 5 mmscmd);

(v) Additional gas to gas based power plants.

Allotment of agencies of petro-products

†795.SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) The Details of the procedure for allotment of agencies to the distributors of petroleum and gas products;

(b) the percentage of general and reserved quota in allotment;

(c) the general criteria for the selection of distributors; and

(d) the details of the number of incidents in the last six months in which norms have been in violated and the action taken in this regard, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) After dismantling of Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) *w.e.f.* 1.04.2002, Based on the broad policy guidelines issued by the Ministry, public sector oil marketing

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

companies (OMCs.), *viz.*, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC) have framed their own detailed guidelines for selection of dealership/distributorship of petroleum products. As per the guidelines framed by OMCs, selection of the candidates for dealerships/distributorships of petroleum products is done by independent selection committees consisting of senior officers of the concerned OMC. Out of 100 marks, approximate 90% marks are awarded on verifiable objective criteria based on production of documents by the candidate, such as capability to provide land, infrastructure, finance, educational qualification, age, etc. Approximate 10% of marks are awarded on subjective criteria such as personality, knowledge of the petroleum trade, communication skill, etc. The selection is done in a transparent manner and the results including parameter-wise marks obtained by all the candidates are displayed on the notice board and are also put on the website of the concerned OMCs.

(b) As per the extant guidelines, the percentage of reservation to different categories is as follows:

Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes (SC/ST)	125%
Defence Category (DC)	8%
Paramilitary/ Police/ Government Personnel (PMP)	8%
Physically Handicapped Persons (PH)	5%
Freedom Fighters (FF)	2%
Outstanding Sports Persons (OSP)	2%
Open (OP)	50%

(d) Seventeen (17) no. of incidents of violations in the norms of selection guidelines were observed in the selection of Retail Outlet (RO) dealerships and LPG distributorships during the last six months in IOC. In all 17 cases of violations of the selection guidelines, merit panel has been cancelled and re-interviews / re-advertisements have been ordered by the competent authority of IOC, State-wise details are as under:

State	No. of Cases	
	Retail Outlets	LPG Agencies
Delhi	0	1
Gujarat	0	1
Haryana	3	0
Punjab	1	0
Uttar Pradesh	6	5
TOTAL :	10	7

There are no established cases of violation of RO dealership / LPG distributorship selection norms in respect of BPC & HPC during the last six months.